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In re the Application of  
RONALD L. BEALE  
For: BACK SUPPORT APPARATUS FOR USE  
WITH A BACKPACK  
Serial No. 09/844,047  
Filed: 4/30/01

) Art Unit: 3727  
) Examiner: M. Brevard  
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) July 27, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

In response to the Office Action of May 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: